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Postwar Polish Poetry refers to the rich and often profoundly impactful body of verse produced in Poland after World War II. This era was marked by the nation's struggle under Soviet influence, political repression, and deep cultural resilience, leading to poetry that frequently explored themes of memory, identity, freedom, and the human spirit's endurance. It encompasses a diverse range of styles and voices, including celebrated figures who gained international recognition for their powerful reflections on history and existence.

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"This expanded edition of Postwar Polish Poetry (which was originally published in 1965) presents 125 poems by 25 poets, including Czeslaw Milosz and other Polish poets living outside Poland. The stress of the anthology is on poetry written after 1956, the year when the lifting of censorship and the breakdown of doctrines provoked and explosion of new schools and talents. The victory of Solidarity in August 1980 once again opened new vistas for a short time; the coup of December closed that chapter. It is too early yet to predict the impact these events will have on the future of Polish poetry." From Amazon.

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A selection from the works of living poets, with one exception, stressing poems published since 1956.

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The past thirty years have witnessed some of the most traumatic and inspiring moments in Polish history. This turbulent period has also been a time of unprecedented achievement in all forms of Polish poetry--lyric, religious, political, meditative. This comprehensive volume includes work from virtually every major Polish poet active during these critical decades, drawing from both "official" and underground/émigré sources.

Postwar Polish poetry and moralistic literary tradition

An illuminating new study of modern Polish verse in performance, offering a major reassessment of the roles of poets and poetry in twentieth-century Polish culture. What's in a voice? Why record

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Polish poems from the Middle Ages through the 19th century in English translation

Stylization and Its Function in Postwar Polish Poetry

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born in transit / I came upon on the place of death So Ryszard Krynicki begins the early lyric that gave his 1969 debut volume *Act of Birth* its title (a poem which ends: “I live / in the place of death”). These are not simply metaphors. One of the greatest poets of postwar Poland, Krynicki was born in 1943 in a Nazi labor camp in Austria, where his parents, Polish peasants from Ukraine, served as slave laborers. *Act of Birth* marked the emergence of a major voice—alongside Adam Zagajewski and Stanisław Barańczak—in Poland's “Generation of 68” or “New Wave.” Political and poetic rebellion converged, and the regime took notice. During the 1970s and 80s, Krynicki was arrested on trumped-up charges, dismissed from work, and forbidden from publishing. But to read his poetry as purely political would be a mistake. The early lyric “Act of Birth” displays the acute linguistic and ethical sensitivity at work. A distinctive combination of mysticism, compression, and wit shapes Krynicki's writing from the early dissident poems to his late haiku. Small wonder that his influences span the distance from Issa to Zbigniew Herbert, and include Nelly Sachs and Paul Celan (both of whom he has translated splendidly). Himself an editor, publisher, and acclaimed translator, Krynicki has won major prizes, from the Polish Poets' Award to, most recently, the 2015 Zbigniew Herbert International Literature Prize.

Polish Poetry of the Last Two Decades of Communist Rule

This volume emerged from the conference "Polish Literature Since 1989" held at the University College London School of Slavonic and East European Studies. It shows how the profound political and economic transformation that has taken place in Poland since the end of communism in 1989 has affected literary culture and literary scholarship, such as: changing conceptions of Polish nationhood and identity * the impact of European integration (since 2004) * the effects of migration * revised conceptions of the foreign or the marginal, and new understandings of what is understood by emigre or emigrant literature * sensitivity to issues of gender and sexual identity, as well as the impact of feminism and queer studies * the huge impact of revived interest in the Jewish heritage, in Holocaust memory, and in Polish-Jewish relations. (Series: Polonistik im Kontext - Vol. 2)

The Sound of Modern Polish Poetry

This book is a survey of Polish letters and culture from its beginnings to modern times. Czeslaw Milosz updated this edition in 1983 and added an epilogue to bring the discussion up to date.

Selected Masterpieces of Polish Poetry

Czesław Miłosz is at times called an American poet. This means one thing in Poland, and something else in the United States. To Polish readers, this description is mainly related to the moment of his departure from Europe to take up employment at the University of California in Berkeley, and his settlement for many years in California, where his new poems and essays were written. Miłosz is to them an American poet, in a biographical sense, from the time he started living at Grizzly Peak until his return to Krakow, and in a symbolic sense, for as long as he cooperated with the publishing market, participated in literary life, and was an ambassador of Polish literature across the ocean. He is an American poet to the extent that his work was influenced by the thought and work of those cultural circles. However, one has to return to the landmark year of 1960, when Miłosz had only set off for Berkeley, and ask about the awareness with which he discovered America, where he spent those consequential five years fifteen years before, and where he apparently took refuge from the consequences of the Sovietization of his native part of Europe. He returned to America as someone familiar with its realities and its lifestyle, with the reasoning and actions of its people, aware of many local customs and problems, well versed in various circulations of culture and information, fluent in English, with a rich and current knowledge of the literature of the linguistic circles that permeated it. Little is known about the postwar period, when Miłosz built this extensive awareness. For various reasons, it has not been the subject of investigations and research. Not only because the question of the poet's American traits, posed ever more eagerly today, hides the assumption that it refers to his California period treated as a phase of life and creativity which is closed both temporally and intellectually. Such a formulation of this question also results partly from the Polish understanding of the label of an American poet. However, this question gains its full meaning only when its scope includes, firstly, the realization that 1960 was not the initial year in Miłosz's learning about America - it only marked a renewal of this process in a more complex way. Secondly, the question should include our awareness of the baggage of Miłosz's experiences accumulated in the 1940s, with which he reentered the New World. In other words, understanding the process of taking root in California after 1960 is possible when we, as Miłosz himself did, take into account his American postwar period, thought-out, problematized and reassessed in Europe after 1950. This book aims to show how Czesław Miłosz assimilated America from 1945 to 1950, how he expanded his cultural horizon there, incorporating various components within it. The subject of my interest has been, on the one hand, the sphere of his activities in many areas at the time, and on the other, the ways of making use of the intellectual opportunities that his stay in America created for him. The book consists of four parts, each dedicated to a different aspect of Miłosz's five years in America and based on archival research. The first part is a biographical reconstruction of his diplomatic and literary activities, the second discusses his lectures, articles and opinion journalism, the third recreates the process of his study of English-language literature, and the fourth examines the ways in which he assessed the postwar experience in his poetry, essays, and correspondence. While the last part concerns the period when Miłosz, residing in France, looks back on the American years, which to a large extent influenced the new way of interpreting them, the three previous ones concern the common five-year period and constitute a mutual reference system.

Poets and Poetry of Poland

Collects translations of poems from throughout the author's career, including several new translations, including her entire final collection in English for the first time.

The Sound of Modern Polish Poetry

This work explores the intersection of poetry, national life, and national identity in Poland and Russia, from 1917 to the present. It also provides a comparative study of modern poetry from the perspective of the Eastern and Western sides of the Iron Curtain.

Magnetic Point

Aleksander Fiut's study of the poetry of Nobel Laureate Czeslaw Milosz is the first comprehensive examination of the artistic and philosophical dimensions of this remarkable oeuvre. The author refutes such easy categorizations of Milosz as "the poet of Poland," "the poet of history," "the poet of the Holocaust." He examines instead such crucial problems as Milosz's search for the essence of human nature, irreducible to historical, social, and biological categories; Milosz's reflection on the erosion of the Christian imagination, which has resulted in a fundamental gap between the individual's inner life and the image of humanity formed by scientific theories; his efforts to rebuild the anthropocentric vision of the world, while acknowledging the elements that have undermined it; and finally, his attempt to recreate in his poetry a language that is both poetic and philosophical. The *Eternal Moment* originally appeared in Polish in 1987. This version, which quotes extensively from Milosz's *Collected Poems*, is the first thorough introduction for English-speaking readers to this major poet. This title is part of UC Press's *Voices Revived* program, which commemorates University of California Press's mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice, reach, and impact. Drawing on a backlist dating to 1893, *Voices Revived* makes high-quality, peer-reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print-on-demand technology. This title was originally published in 1990.

Polish Literature in Transformation

Begun in the winter of 1955 and completed in the spring of 1956, *Treatise on Poetry* is a brilliant meditative poem fully expressive of the powers that have made Milosz one of our greatest writers. Expertly translated, the poem is divided into four parts -- Europe at the turn of the century, the condition of Polish culture between the two world wars, the harsh reality of World War II, and the role of the poet in the postwar world. Here Milosz addresses the failure of early-20th-century Polish poetry. With vast historical sweep and in language that enables readers to see "as if in a flash of summer lighting\

Specimens of the Polish Poets

The most comprehensive collection of perspectives on translation to date, this anthology features essays by some of the world's most skillful writers and translators, including Haruki Murakami, Alice Kaplan, Peter Cole, Eliot Weinberger, Forrest Gander, Clare Cavanagh, David Bellos, and José Manuel Prieto. Discussing the process and possibilities of their art, they cast translation as a fine balance between scholarly and creative expression. The volume provides students and professionals with much-needed guidance on technique and style, while affirming for all readers the cultural, political, and aesthetic relevance of translation. These essays focus on a diverse group of languages, including Japanese, Turkish, Arabic, and Hindi, as well as frequently encountered European languages, such as French, Spanish, Italian, German, Polish, and Russian. Contributors speak on craft, aesthetic choices, theoretical approaches, and the politics of global cultural exchange, touching on the concerns and challenges that currently affect translators working in an era of globalization. Responding to the growing popularity of translation programs, literature in translation, and the increasing need to cultivate versatile practitioners, this anthology serves as a definitive resource for those seeking a modern understanding of the craft.

The History of Polish Literature, Updated Edition

Being Poland offers a unique analysis of the cultural developments that took place in Poland after World War One, a period marked by Poland's return to independence. Conceived to address the lack of critical scholarship on Poland's cultural restoration, *Being Poland* illuminates the continuities, paradoxes, and contradictions of Poland's modern and contemporary cultural practices, and challenges the narrative typically prescribed to Polish literature and film. Reflecting the radical changes, rifts, and restorations that swept through Poland in this period, Polish literature and film reveal a multitude of perspectives. Addressing romantic perceptions of the Polish immigrant, the politics of post-war cinema, poetry, and mass media, *Being Poland* is a comprehensive reference work written with the intention of exposing an international audience to the explosion of Polish literature and film that emerged in the twentieth century.

WybMr poezyi Polskiéy. Specimens of the Polish Poets; with notes and observations on the literature of Poland

A Study Guide for Zbigniew Herbert's "Why The Classics," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Poetry for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Poetry for Students for all of your research needs.

CzesBaw MiBosz in Postwar America

Entries profile women writers of poetry, fiction, prose, and drama, including Sylvia Plath, Fleur Adcock, and Toni Morrison.

Polish Literature in English Translation, 1976-1996

A Study Guide for Wislawa Szymborska's "Conversation with a Stone," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Poetry for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Poetry for Students for all of your research needs.

Map

Reference guide to poetry anthologies with descriptions and evaluations of each anthology.

The Captive Mind

"An anti-poet relentlessly, even ruthlessly determined to tell the truth, however painful it may be."—Edward Hirsch

Lyric Poetry and Modern Politics

"Though best known as poets, Adam Zagajewski (born 1945), Zbigniew Herbert (1924-98), and Joseph Brodsky (1940-96) wrote some of the most original prose of this century. It is this prose - remarkable for its cross-cultural complexity and interdisciplinary richness - that concerns Bozena Shallcross in Through the Poet's Eye. The travels undertaken by these Eastern European poets, who each journeyed to the West under different circumstances, give Shallcross her point of departure as she explores the connections between the sensory experience of travel and the revelatory perception of the visual arts manifest in their writings." --Book Jacket.

Contemporary Polish Poetry, 1925-1975

This collection of new translations spans the entire career of one of Poland's greatest poets, a writer whose work is little-known in the US but whose innovative style speaks to today's readers. Postwar Poland produced some of the greatest poets of the twentieth century: Tadeusz Rozewicz, Zbigniew Herbert, and the two Nobel Prize-winners, Czeslaw MiBosz and Wislawa Szymborska. The poetry of Miron BiaBoszewski, author of the spellbinding A Memoir of the Warsaw Uprising, played a crucial part in this extraordinary poetic efflorescence, as those esteemed contemporaries were the first to recognize, and if he is less well-known abroad than they are it may be because his playful, gnomic, defiantly original poems have been deemed so difficult to translate. Here, however, two of the finest American translators of Polish, Clare Cavanagh and Alissa Valles, have teamed up to present the first full-length collection of Bialowszewski's work in English, one that reflects the range of his singular achievement, from his poetry, to his short prose pieces, to the playlets that he himself produced and performed for private audiences in his tiny Warsaw apartment. The book draws on the entirety of BiaBoszewski's output, from his pathbreaking first book, The Revolution of Things, through such later volumes as--and their names alone tell us something about the character of this poet's world--A Calculus of Whims, Erroneous Emotions, Wasted, Get Lost, and Hums, Lumps, Threads.

The Eternal Moment

Offers a guide to the major poets who found a voice for the experience of survival. This title focuses on the first post-war generation of Central and East European poets, who wrote in direct response to a war of unprecedented destruction in Europe.

Unattainable Earth,

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In Translation

As Andrzej Mencwel observed, “as a result of fundamental historical changes” the need arises for “restructuring of the whole present memory and tradition system” (*Rodzinna Europa po raz pierwszy*). Changes of such significance took place in Poland during the Second World War and several following decades. Collective experience of that time was made up of – apart from political antagonisms – social and cultural phenomena such as change of elites, reinterpretation of their grand narratives (or symbolic world), the ultimate inclusion of the masses into the national project based on the post-gentry tradition and national history, the intensive development of urban lifestyle and the expansion of popular culture, industrialization and the process of forming a single-nationality state that diverted from the politics of domination over eastern neighbors and, instead, focused on developing the so-called Polish Western and Northern Lands. Tadeusz Rójewicz’s work referred to these experiences on both the intellectual and biographical level. Comparing Juliusz Mieroszewski’s political journalism with Tadeusz Rójewicz’s works, Andrzej Mencwel stressed its unique relationship of the author of *Niepokój*. According to him, both writers were writing as though “they had truly experienced the end of the world” (*Przedwio[nie czy potop. Studium postaw polskich w XX wieku*). In the afterword to the German anthology of Rójewicz’s works, Karl Dedecius mentioned “Stunde Null” (“hour zero”) as the founding experience of his writing. It was this experience that induced him to undertake the challenge of attempting a new collective and national as well as individual self-identification, searching for a radically new way of thinking and writing about man, and verifying the essential components of his identity. Andrzej Walicki called this urge “the catastrophism after a catastrophe”, explaining that “once the catastrophe took place, a catastrophist acknowledging its inevitability must think about ‘a new beginning’, about determining his own place in a new world” (*Zniewolony umysł po latach*). Hanna Gosk specifies that “it gave rise to situations when the necessity of discovering one’s place in new geographical, social, axiological and world-view-related environment urged self-identification” (*Bohater swoich czasów. Postać literacka w powojennej prozie polskiej o tematyce współczesnej*). It must be stressed that the need for re-establishing the sense of identity, resulting from a major crisis, was by no means limited to the postwar artistic and political elites. On the contrary, due to social changes and democratization of the access to national culture, it concerned more than ever in the past the “everyman” who did not belong to one class solely: the intelligentsia, bourgeoisie, peasantry, or proletariat but, most often, represented multiple social rooting. Tadeusz Rójewicz, alongside with writers such as Tadeusz Borowski, Marek Hłasko or Miron Białoszewski, made the “Polish everyman” (Tadeusz Drzewnowski) the central figure of his work. This study discusses the modern identity of an individual in Poland in two variants: a cultured man with traditions and an ordinary, transitional, temporal, or “new”, man. By adopting the narrativist approach, identity can be described through its articulations in culture, for example in literary texts. Analyzing methods of modern identification and self-awareness throughout this book, I try to prove that prose works of the author of *Zmierzchni w starych dekoracjach* present an extensive, interesting and diverse material in the matter. When necessary, I refer also to his dramatic works and poetry, especially to some longer poems published after 1989. The author’s most important prose works have so far been written in the first 30-year period starting from his debut volume of partisan novellas, notes and humorous sketches *Echa leżne* mimeographed in 1944. While focusing on this period, I also analyze later works published in collections *Nasz starszy brat* and *Matka odchodzi* published in the last decade of the 20th century, although written at an earlier date. Rójewicz’s prose works analyzed here were published predominantly in the three-volume edition of *Utwory zebrane* in 2003/2004, in the reportage collection entitled *Kartki z Węgier* (1953) as well as in the collection of newspapers features, letters and notes – written in the 60s. and 70s. in most cases – entitled *Marginesy*, ale... (2010). I also make use of the earlier editions of his works, containing prose works not included in *Utwory zebrane*, for example, from the volume *Opadły liście z drzew*, as well as of some narratives published in journals and anthologies. Conversations with the writer published in *Wbrew sobie. Rozmowy z Tadeuszem Rójewiczem* (2011) and his letters to Jerzy and Zofia Nowosielscy included in *Korespondencja* comprise an auxiliary material. What specifically draws my attention in Tadeusz Rójewicz’s prose? I read his works in the context of identity narratives manifest

in culture and historical-biographical stories. The questions then arise about their formative influence on an individual: what within them presents a reference for the “self” seeking identification? When and how does individual experience take on an intersubjective meaning? Under what circumstances is it expressed in the public sphere? Have new identification patterns emerged in the Polish modernity, and if so, then what fields and phenomena of the 20th century culture or history have taken on such model significance? How and where were boundaries drawn between what is individual in an identity of a person speaking and thinking in Polish on the one hand, and, on the other, what is collective? What has been considered native in this identity, and what alien – for example Western, bourgeois, communist, German, Jewish, non-normative in terms of religion or sexuality – and in what way has cultural “otherness” been constructed at that time? Trying to answer these questions, I refer to categories of cultural anthropology such as symbolic universe, collective memory, autobiographical identity, body and space in culture, as well as to notions from the social sciences – interpersonal relationship, public discourse and communicative community. To put it simply, using these categories I try to describe the most important narrative forms and topics of Rójewicz’s prose that allow the writer to address and express in a literary form identity problems faced by an individual and the community. I also attempt to analyze the very process through which Rójewicz develops his own unique identity narratives as well as the evolution of narrative conventions of his literary work. Reading Rójewicz’s works in this manner and organizing chapters of this book from the ones presenting public identity (displayed publicly and codified in ideology or aesthetic) to the ones presenting private identity, I put an especial emphasis on some issues related to cultural studies and social communication. According to the reconstruction model, I assume that even private experiences shape one’s identity through culture and language. In Rójewicz’s narratives I describe and compare both more collective and more individual premises for constructing identity. The criterion for differentiating between these premises is determined by the narrativist approach adopted in this book. An individual’s identity (even autobiographical one) is created and expressed within the existing culture and public sphere, and for this reason I am interested in history of ideas, in social relationships, symbols and role models, changes of customs and everyday life which left a distinct impression on literary, political or historical narratives. Reading these narratives, I make use of the following authors: Jan Assmann, Jean Baudrillard, Zygmunt Bauman, Ernst Cassirer, Michel Foucault, Marc Fumaroli, Hans-Georg Gadamer, Jerzy Jedlicki, Anthony Giddens, Izabela Kowalczyk, Philippe Lejeune, Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Stanisław Ossowski, Ewa Rewska, Paul Ricoeur, Richard Rorty, Elżbieta Rybicka, Richard Shusterman, Georg Simmel, Jerzy Szacki, Magdalena Zroba, Charles Taylor, Nikodem Boćka, Tomaszewski, Christian Vandendorpe, Anna Wiczorek. I rely on their reconstruction of social-historical background of modern identity presented by these authors as well as on language used by them. The book structure results from the overlapping, or even conflict, of two research objectives. My task is to analyze the most important premises and forms of identity in Rójewicz’s prose, and I describe them in separate chapters as problems of culture, literature and history of ideas as well as models and social projects. It is my wish that all these perspectives make up a coherent identity narrative of man of the second half of the 20th century – a “biographical” case study. The study covers the process of political empowerment of an individual; his/her participation in democratized mass culture; his/her attitude towards collective memory, towards Polish and European cultural community; experiencing of body, sexuality and everyday existence; emotional and social relationship with space; and, finally, an autobiographical identity which I reconstruct as a transitional and provisional “whole”. One of the most significant issues covered in the book is the western orientation of Polish collective identity in the 20th century, related to the modernization of Central Europe and the postwar division of the continent by the Iron Curtain, which created in Poland a phantom idea of the West, as well as to the shifted borders of the Polish state to the territories by the Odra river and the Baltic Sea, to polonization of former German lands, and, finally, to historical and political discourse legitimizing this transfer of territories. Tadeusz Rójewicz as a travelling writer and journalist has relentlessly problematized the relationship between Europe and its Polish idea; as a resident in Gliwice and Wrocław, not only has he described – since the trip down the Odra river on a fishing boat from Kozle to Szczecin in 1947 – symbolic colonization of the post-German Nadodrza, but also artistically diagnosed the birth of the new individual and social identity of the inhabitants of this border area, with its clashing narratives of history, biography and national literature alongside the overlapping traces of different cultures and traditions. Writing about Rójewicz’s man in this book, I clearly do not mean the writer himself. It is obvious that among many convictions and attitudes that the author of *Sobowtór* manifests, there are some of which he is fond, and there are others of which he is not. I do not disregard his views voiced in non-fiction narratives and public speeches, yet I am mostly interested in experience, world view and self-comprehension of his literary persona and literary hero presented or partially derived from an idea of man and of community in his texts. Analyzing Rójewicz’s works, I therefore distinguish

between his self-evident journalistic approach and his humanistic reflection which is a result of a philosophical or literary presentation of identity problems an individual faces. I read his prose as an element of a public discourse and at the same time as an indirect – formulated in fictional, intimate or notebook narratives – criticism of social reality and European culture in the 20th century. In most cases, I leave open questions such as whether or not Rójewicz was or is committed to a specific political project; whether or not he is a modern man in different meanings of this notion; whether or not his personal identity coincides with identity narratives in his books. Finding an answer to these questions is not a purpose of this book. It is, distinctively, the problem of Tadeusz Rójewicz's intellectual commitment to modern culture, literature and history and a problem of the writer's role in creative and critical understanding of them that I find more interesting and

Being Poland

Ecstatic Pessimist addresses several topics and strands in the literary production and life of Czesław Miłosz, the Nobel Prize Polish-language poet and American citizen. It is also a personal history of the relations between Miłosz and the author of the book, himself a poet who worked on translations with the Polish poet in 1960s.

A Study Guide for Zbigniew Herbert's Why The Classics

The description for this book, The Survivors and Other Poems, will be forthcoming.

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